

*DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ENCINITAS URBAN FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
July 25, 2019 5:30 P.M., 505 SOUTH VULCAN AVENUE*

1. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Chair Mark Jenne called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Present: Committee Chair Mark Jenne, Committee members, Bruce Ritchings, Carol Wolf, Justin Meeker

Absent: Committee members Carol Parker, Mark Wisniewski, Brian Bishop, City Arborist Chris Kallstrand

Also Present: Jeff Cloud, Dudek; John Ugrob, Public Works; Ashlee Stratakis, Public Works

There being a quorum present, the meeting was in order.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

3. AGENDA

1) REVIEW AND APPROVE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 27, 2019

Committee member Wolf clarified that under Item #3, she had agreed to research tree topping and Committee Member Parker would reach out to schools.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Member Ritchings moved to approve meeting minutes for June 27, 2019. Committee Chair Jenne seconded. Motion carried. Ayes: 3; Nays: None; Absent: 3 (Wolf, Bishop, and Wisniewski); Abstain: 1 (Meeker).

2) ROUNABOUT PRESENTATION FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT*

Mike Peltz from MW Peltz Consulting gave a presentation on the addition of a third roundabout on Leucadia Boulevard at Hygeia Avenue. Committee members Meeker and Ritchings expressed concern about the use of fan palms. Jeff Cloud added that UFAC was trying to phase out palm trees in residential areas. Mike stated he was open to exploring other tree options, but the palm was selected as the best option for the narrow corridor. UFAC will put together a list of recommended alternatives and provide to Engineering.

SPEAKERS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No committee action needed for this item.

*This was Item 6 on the original agenda, Committee Chair Jenne moved it to Item 2.

3) REMOVAL OF EUCALYPTUS TREE AT 1717 N. VULCAN AVE.

Jeff Cloud from Dudek gave a presentation on the recommendation for the removal of the Eucalyptus tree at 1717 N. Vulcan Ave.

SPEAKERS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Committee Chair Jenne moved to thank WCA for the report, but UFAC was unable to reach a decision based on the report. Seconded by Committee Member Ritchings. Motion carried. Ayes: 3; Nays: 1; Absent 3 (Parker, Bishop, and Wisniewski); Abstain: None.

4) CALFIRE GRANT AWARD OF 600 TREES TO THE CITY

Jeff Cloud gave a brief presentation on the CalFire grant program, which awarded 600 trees to the City. The trees will be split between Public Works and Parks and Recreation (300 each). Committee Member Meeker asked if UFAC could have tree plantings incorporated into the Leucadia Streetscape Project. John Ugrob responded that it is up for discussion between Public Works and Engineering.

SPEAKERS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No committee action needed for this item.

5) UPDATED TREE LIST

Committee chair Jenne asked why there is an effort to whittle down the list. Jeff Cloud responded that trees should be removed that weren't readily available for planting. Jeff will send the list to brokers and nurseries to obtain their input on the matter. Committee Chair Jenne recommended adding a column specifying the space size needs for each tree. Committee Member Wolf recommended listing invasive trees separately. Committee member Meeker recommended including a column listing the drawbacks of each tree. John Ugrob commented that even though some trees were invasive, if their invasiveness is minor the tree could remain on the list. All committee members are expected to review the list and make their selections for removal by the next meeting.

SPEAKERS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

No committee action needed for this item.

6) REVISIT WEBSITE DISCUSSION REGARDING PLANTING AND PRUNING

Committee Chair Jenne postponed this item to the next meeting.

SPEAKERS:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

4. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Fusarium effect on Queen Palms and Mexican Palms
- South American Palm Weevil Presentation
- Urban Forest APWA Presentation by John Ugrob
- State of Urban Forest Address for FY 18/19: Annual Report/Presentation of City assets
- Continuation of Policies and Ordinances discussion – Review of Chapter 15.02 Municipal Tree Ordinance, Heritage Tree minimum age
- Plan for tree planting vacancies
- Sycamore Removal on El Camino Real
- Revisit website discussion regarding planting and pruning

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair Jenne made a motion to adjourn meeting. Committee member Ritchings seconded. Ayes: 4; Nays: None; Abstain: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 7: 00 p.m.